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For : DEVICE FOR TURNING ON HIGH-PRESSURE DISCHARGE LAMP  
AND LIGHTING APPARATUS EQUIPED WITH THE DEVICE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following document was cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/017406, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application, and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 63-307695 (which corresponds to Japanese Patent No. 2562816), together with an English

language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 6 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

The relevance of this document, as ascertained by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following documents:

- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0049777 to KUMAGAI et al., which was published on March 9, 2006;
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0055341 to WATANABE et al., which was published on March 16, 2006; and
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0164842 to GORIKI et al., which was published on July 27, 2006.

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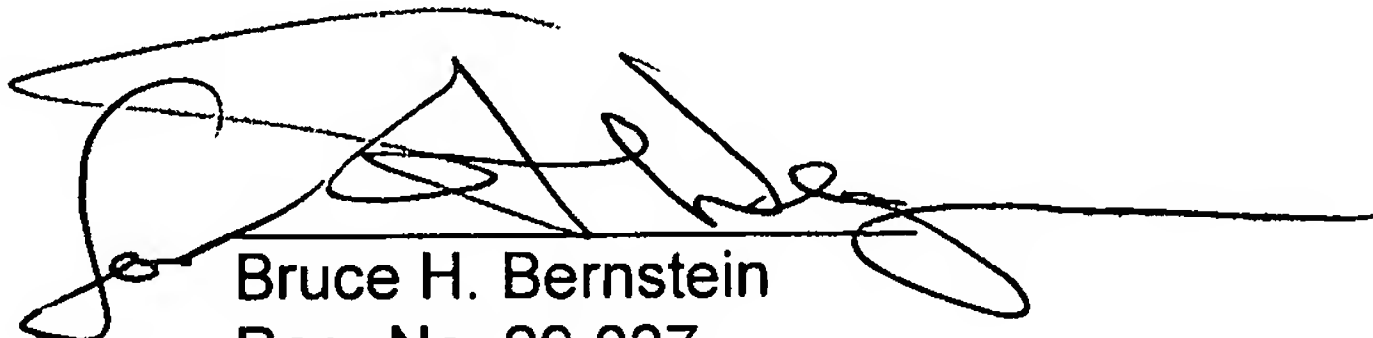
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document, including the noted English language Abstract, is attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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